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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are included in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this communication.